

**March 28, 2006**  
**Affordable Housing Committee Meeting**

**Present:** Mike Colaneri, Catherine DeVito, Glenn Hearn, Caroline Locke,  
Ernie Mendenhall, Tom Roan, Eric Whitman and Mark Yale

**Absent with Regrets:** Vickie Thurber

**Also Present:** Rhonda Conley

Ernie made a motion seconded by Caroline to accept the minutes of Feb. 28, 2006. **VOTE**  
**7 YES 1 ABSENT**

**Correspondence:**

**Accessory Apartments:** Rhonda received an e-mail from Tara Kenney who is the owner of an affordable accessory apartment. Ms. Kenney is unhappy with the set rent she is receiving for the apartment. She stated that the electricity has increased tremendously which she pays. Ernie told the committee that he had discussed the accessory apartment bylaw with the Kenney's when they bought the house. It was noted that the Kenney's have a lease with their renter. There was a discussion about energy cost and the rental rates. The committee decided to speak with the DCRHA pertaining to the set rates and increase in energy cost. Mike asked Rhonda to contact David Vigneault at DCRHA to talk about these issues.

**Deep Bottom Assessed Value:** Rhonda had inquires about how the Michaels Way properties would be assessed. Mike said the properties would be assessed close to the figure, this year, that the land was purchased at (\$25,000) and in the following years near the covenant figure with increases every year.

**Deep Bottom Update:** Glenn stated that John Clark is the well contractor. He believes the wells should be completed within the month. The Board of Health, he stated, has approved the septic designs. Glenn said the Red Pony Rd. Ass. is fine with the well drillers using the road to access the well sites.

**Covenant:** The Town Counsel sent the covenant with the new figures for the Michaels Way properties. Ernie made a ***motion, seconded by Tom, to approve of the covenants for the Michaels Way properties if it is the same as the covenant approved by the committee in Dec. 2005 with the figures \$220,800 as the maximum resale price and 80% as the median income.*** **VOTE 7 YES 1 ABSENT**

**Guidebook:** Caroline reported that the subcommittee has not met.

**Property Possibilities:** Mike brought up the issue of incremental subdivision again. After a lengthy discussion about subdivisions and Mark explaining the bylaw, as it exists, Caroline suggested that the bylaw be reviewed and possible changes be made.

Glenn stated he has been looking at town owned parcels. He wants to look into the possibilities of affordable housing on these parcels. There was talk of several of these pieces and the restrictions of them. Rhonda will see about getting the members the town owned parcel list.

Catherine brought up the tax break for homeowners who provide affordable housing and are willing put a covenant of some sort on their property. Caroline mentioned that the Chilmark Community Preservation Committee has a grant type program. Rhonda will try and get further information on this program.

**Trust Fund Warrant Article:** Caroline suggested a Public Forum but other members wish to treat it as a housekeeping article. Ernie will ask Bruce to explain at town meeting the article if need be.

**Planning Board Report:** Mark stated that Fienner (multi-family development) came back to the Planning Board but without a plan so the board could not do anything.

### **NOTICE**

The next meeting will be **April 25, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.** in the Howes House.

**Energy Day, Sat. May 6, 2006 between 10—12** will be held at the Grange in West Tisbury. This is presentation sponsored by the Vineyard Energy Project and covers Aspen's Efficient Building Code.

Respectfully submitted by Rhonda Conley